

BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



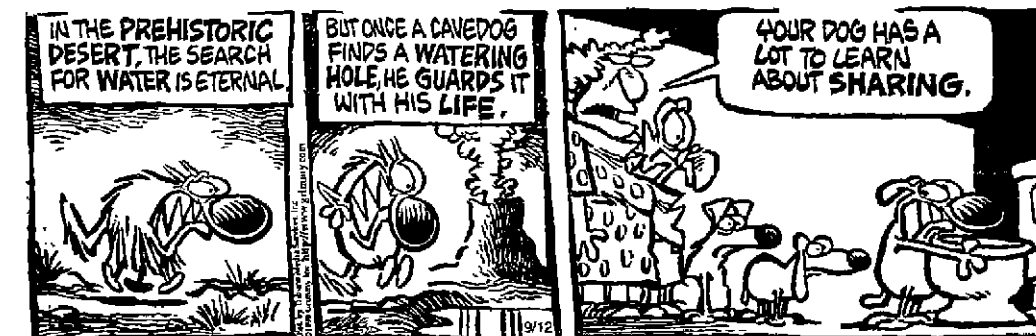
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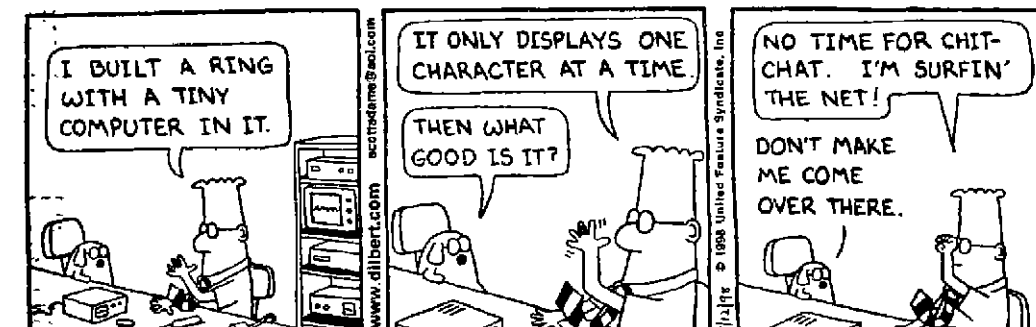
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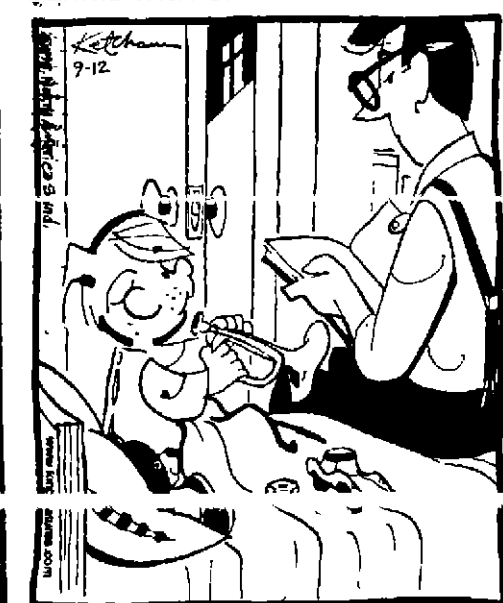
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DILBERT



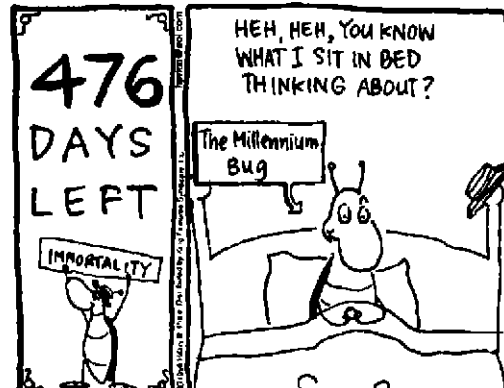
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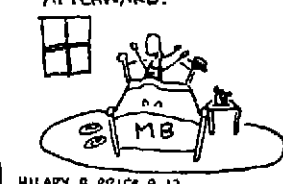
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



EVEN IF EVERY COMPUTER IN THE UNIVERSE WAS FIXED IN TIME FOR THE MILLENNIUM, THERE'S BOUND TO BE GLITCHES--AND THAT'LL MEAN INSURANCE CLAIMS, LAWSUITS AND COURT FIGHTS FOR YEARS AFTERWARD.



RALPH



"What luck! They thought this species has been extinct for 50,000 years!"

Today's Birthdays

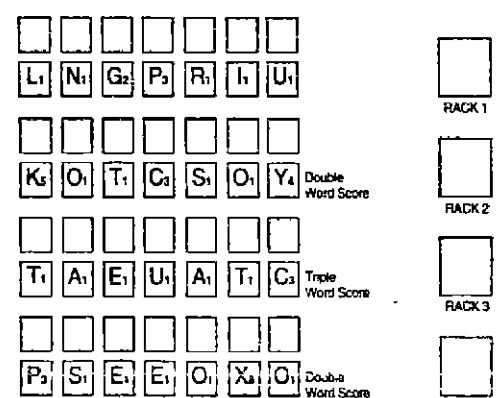
Actress Irene Daley is 78. Actor Dickie Moore (The Godfather) is 79. Country singer George Jones is 67. Actress Linda Gray is 58. Singer Barry White is 54. Rock musician Neil Pearl (Rush) is 46. Actor Peter Scolar is 44. Actress Rachel Ward is 41. Rock musician Norwood Fisher (Fishbone) is 33. Actor Darren E. Burrows is 32. Rock musician Larry LaLonde (Primus) is 30.

I NEED HELP



The yellow pages.

SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 125-135
by JUDD
FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN
DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 9-12-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Bobby -

WBYUROKHDARXUQN
KHEBYNVSPMEJHEB
YVTQNNIPOLHIGDO
BYWTROP RMKCIFDR
BYWUSTSQROSMKIO
FVALENTINEIDBZB
SXWUSIQDLOFNLS
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Friday's unlisted clue: TICK

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Saturday's unlisted clue hint: CHESS CHAMP

Allison Cox	Hull Jones	Pin Rahal	Valer Vinton
Darin Goldsboro	McFerrin Orr	Riggs Socks	

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HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Sept. 13, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Serious conversation about feelings might be unavoidable -- but possibly nothing will be resolved.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You have empowered yourself through knowledge of your financial situation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might experience an unusually high level of emotional disturbance. Take things in stride.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You will be commended for your strengths, and the positive feedback will encourage you to outdo yourself.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) If you feel like throwing a tantrum, count to 10 -- and think about whether you're entitled.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You realize that you have a lot to offer as a confidante and adviser.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make a list of those things that you should do, but have been avoiding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are a role model and a comfort to others now. Pay equal attention to other people and to yourself, and you'll be happy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Unfortunately, you probably will not win the next lottery drawing. So don't puzzle over the numbers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Personal relationships are worth the work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Don't worry about the greater questions of the universe yet. You will find that small changes affect the big picture.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You are entitled to babble or to remain gleefully silent, depending on how the moment dictates.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Today's interesting game features a continuing battle between declarer and the defense. Declarer had a party for every thrust by the defenders, and in the end his nimble actions saved his game. South ducks the club lead in dummy, winning his club queen when East plays his seven. How should South continue? If he plays routinely, he will lose his game. After drawing trumps, if South tries the diamond finesse for his 10th trick, he loses two clubs and two diamonds for one down. At the table the play was more competitive. After drawing trumps, South cashed his top hearts and ruffed a heart. Then he led a low club toward dummy's king, ducking the king when West played his nine. West realized it wouldn't pay to lead another club; East would win but would have no safe exit. So West shifted to his diamond 10. However, South refused the ill-fated finesse and went for a "sure thing" instead. He won dummy's diamond ace and exited with dummy's club king. East won, but it was back to square one. He had to surrender a ruff and sluff or establish dummy's diamond queen, giving South his game-going trick. Note that South's agile maneuvers couldn't lose regardless of who had the diamond king. This was a much better plan than betting all on a 50-50 diamond finesse.

NORTH		WEST		EAST	
♠ K Q 8 3		♠ 5 2		♠ 7 4	
♥ K 8 3		♥ Q 9 6 2		♥ J 10 7 5	
♦ A Q 4		♦ 10 9 7		♦ K J 5 2	
♣ K 6 4		♣ J 10 9 8		♣ A 7 3	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Club jack

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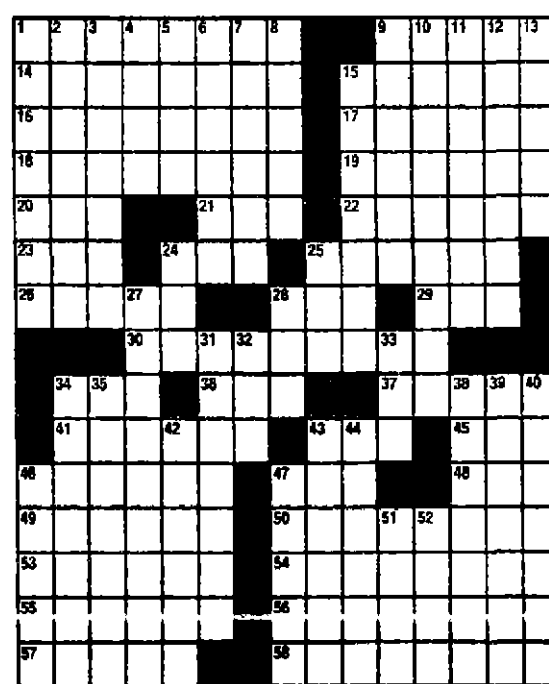
- 1 Bungles
- 9 Ogre
- 14 Insulation ingredient
- 15 Lion
- 16 Like a door after a raid
- 17 Not beyond the line
- 18 Link
- 19 Very soon now
- 20 Commercial suffix with Movi-
- 21 Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
- 22 Virtues
- 23 Financially stable
- 24 Env. contents, sometimes
- 25 Not large
- 26 "You -- Lucky Star" (1935 #1 hit)
- 28 Exclamation said with a shake
- 29 Prefix that's the opposite of eu-
- 30 Bow
- 34 Call (for)
- 36 Leading figure in Italy
- 37 Father of Paris
- 41 Gushed
- 43 Big units in camping
- 45 "Up up and away" co.
- 46 Judicial no-nos
- 47 1967 Monkees song
- 48 Variety of whale
- 49 Concentrating
- 50 TV adjustment
- 53 Hockey Hall-of-Famer Marcel
- 54 Numbers person
- 55 Fresh
- 56 Have the possibility of going to jail
- 57 Martyr to Nero
- 58 Oil source

DOWN

- 1 Secretly
- 2 Not so nice
- 3 Fix the roof
- 4 James who sang "Mystery Lady"
- 5 Sharpen
- 6 Actress Frost and others
- 7 "Local" groups
- 8 Trattoria offering
- 9 Article of apparel with a tie
- 10 Classic film with the role of Captain America
- 11 Desert state
- 12 Settles
- 13 Nomads
- 14 Mushroom: Prefix
- 15 -- Columbian
- 16 Tally, so to speak
- 18 Dumb
- 19 Said quickly
- 20 Declaration before going into overtime
- 21 Dazzling

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

MEASLES CLOSE
ALPHABET SAINTS
BALADBAR UPBEAT
SPOKE FORCE 381
ESME CLOAK FILM
DED LOOPY MEDIA
HAYOC LAMENT
ASSOBERASAJUDGE
SUITIER RAZIOR
SPIEL ORDER TOO
TELL RAIDS MAYA
ARE MOREL DITSY
INTROS RESONATE
NATIVE SUPREMES
SLOPE PAYDIAT



Puzzle by Joe DiPietro

- 22 Prospective employer's request
- 31 Hunted
- 32 German link
- 33 Many a business school grad
- 34 Dumb
- 35 Said quickly
- 36 Declaration before going into overtime
- 38 Dazzling
- 40 Busing overseer
- 42 Rolling Stone founder Jann
- 43 Infamous 1964 gas leak site
- 44 "Phaedra" playwright
- 46 Raise the cost of
- 47 Knock, with "at"
- 51 Big museum attraction
- 52 Word of disappointment

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